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In re Patent Application of

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For: DEVICE FOR LIMITING THE LATERAL BUCKLING OF AMOUNTING PLIES OF
A FLEXIBLE PIPE

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$180 SE or \$360)	\$

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.